

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 9-12, 14-17, 19, and 21-28 are pending in the application, with claims 9, 14, 19, 21, 22, 25, and 27 being the independent claims. Claims 7, 8, 13, 18, 20, and 29-31 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 7-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) because the applicants did not invent the subject matter of the claims. In particular, the Examiner relied on the decision in Patent Interference No. 104,311 as showing that the applicants did not invent the pump and motor shafts being disposed perpendicular to each other. Applicants have enclosed a Request To Correct Inventorship In A Nonprovisional Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1), including a statement from the person to be added as an inventor, stating that the error in inventorship was made without deceptive intent on his part; an oath or declaration by the actual inventors; the written consent of the assignee of the originally named inventors; a Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) executed by the assignee; and the processing fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

Accordingly, upon approval of Applicants' request to correct inventorship, the sole Examiner's rejection will be overcome. Applicants therefore respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

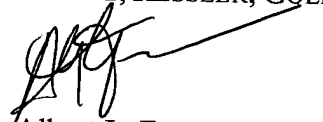
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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